

Second Sunday of Advent

Preparation

Scripture: Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary, and he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

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The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

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Introduction

The second candle is the Candle of Preparation. The Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary to prepare her as a chosen vessel to be the mother of Jesus. Mary's fears of the angel were replaced by great joy and love when she understood the message. Her Son would be the Messiah. The Lord let His love shine upon her and filled her with light and happiness.

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Introduction (continued)

Mary gave forth praise and thanksgiving, thanking God for the wondrous things He had given her. Let us also give thanks for God's wondrous gifts to us as we make preparations for the celebration of Christmas.



Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
Light the first and second purple candles.

Response:

May the word of God's hope and preparation of
our lives be renewed this second Sunday in
Advent.